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PANAMA FOR ROBERT PASTOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, VE, DR
SUBJECT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SITUATION

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ CALLED ME AT 3 P.M. TODAY (MAY 18), TO TELL ME THAT ANTONIO GUZMAN TELEPHONED HIM FROM SANTO DOMINGO. GUZMAN TOLD PEREZ THAT THEY HAD COPIES OF VIRUTALLY ALL THE ACTAS, MOST SIGNED BY OBSERVERS FROM ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, AND THEY SHOW CLEARLY A DECISIVE PRD VICTORY. PEREZ SAID HE SUGGESTED TO GUZMAN THAT HE MAKE COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE OAS TEAM.

2. GUZMAN FURTHER SAID THAT THEY WERE EXTREMELY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE VOTE COUNT; THEY DO NOT FIND THE RESUMPTION OF CONTROL BY THE CENTRAL ELECTION BOARD ENCOURAGING. THEY SAID THEY HAVE REPORTS THAT THE ARMY IS OBLIGING ELECTORAL JUNTAS IN THE SMALL TOWNS IN THE INTERIOR TO CHANGE SOME OF THEIR RESULTS. GUZMAN FURTHER SAID THAT THEY HAVE REPORTS THAT THE ELECTORAL JUNTA WILL DECLARE BALAGUER THE WINNER BY
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A 20 PERCENT MARGIN. PEREZ THEN SAID THAT HE WANTED TO REMIND ME THAT THIS IS EXACTLY THE PATTERN BY WHICH PEREZ JIMENEZ OVERTURNED VIALBA'S ELECTION IN VENEZUELA, IN 1952, I.E., HALTING THE VOTE, THEN RESUMING IT AND ANNOUNCING A DIFFERENT RESULT.

3. I SAID TO THE PRESIDENT THAT I AM SURE THAT THERE ARE A LOT

OF RUMORS FLOATING AROUND AND THAT ONE SHOULD NOT OVERREACT TO THEM. I SAID THAT I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT WE FOUND RESUMPTION OF CONTROL OF THE CENTRAL ELECTION BOARD ENCOURAGING AND THAT WE THOUGHT THAT THE OAS OBSERVERS HAD THE KEY ROLE TO PLAY AT THIS TIME.

4. PEREZ ASKED ME TO KEEP HIM INFORMED AS THE DAY WORE ON. I SAID I WOULD.

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